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VIA FEDEX

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290 Broadway, 17th Floor  
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Re: *Reichhold Chemicals Inc. - Diamond Alkali  
Superfund Site Request for Information*

Dear Ms. Wagner:

As you may recall, I wrote to you on May 24, 1996 regarding the timing of Reichhold's response to EPA's Request for Information pertaining to the Diamond Alkali Superfund Site-Passaic River Study Area. In my May 24th letter I stated that Reichhold would seek to respond to this Request for Information by July 12, 1996. Also, in my letter to you, I stated that "if the volume of documents indicates that this time frame is not reasonable I will again contact you regarding the timing of Reichhold's response".

Please be advised that representatives of Reichhold and our Firm have preliminarily reviewed over 100 banker boxes of documents as well as in excess of 40 file cabinets of information in several different locations in order to identify those documents which might be relevant to preparing Reichhold's response. That review resulted in over 16 banker boxes of documents requiring a detailed review for purposes of responding to the above-referenced Request for Information; these documents have only recently arrived at our office for this review.

Based on the significant volume of documents which need to be reviewed for purposes of preparing Reichhold's response to the above-referenced Request for Information, Reichhold hereby requests an extension until and including August 30, 1996 in which to make its response.

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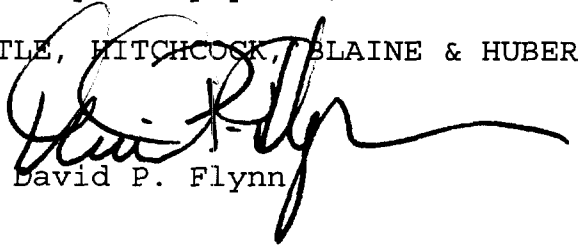
We trust the foregoing is acceptable to you. If you have any questions or need to discuss this further, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

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By

David P. Flynn

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